## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

| Stephen William Comiskey |           | Bky File No. 04-31649 GFK |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
|                          | Debtor    |                           |
| Robert Sebastian         |           | Adv. No. 04-3287          |
|                          | Plaintiff |                           |
| V.                       |           | ANSWER and COUNTERCLAIM   |
| Stephen William Comiskey |           |                           |
|                          | Defendant |                           |

Defendant Stephen William Comiskey, for his Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, states and alleges as follow:

- 1. That except as admitted or explained, denies each and every allegation contained in Plaintiff's complaint.
- 2. That Defendant admits the allegations contained in §1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of Plaintiff's complaint.
- 3. With regard to the allegations contained in §5, Finish Line Cleaning, Inc. was incorporated on October 17, 1997.
- 4. With regard to the allegations contained in §7 and §8, Donni Jo Comiskey's ("Donni Jo") duties, per agreement with Plaintiff, initially consisted of that of a receptionists, with Betty Allen being in charge of all accounting and bookkeeping functions. Subsequently, Donni Jo's duties were expanded to include scheduling of appointments and contractors and related marketing activities.
- 5. With regard to the allegations contained in §11 and 12, all decisions regarding the operation of the business, including creation of a "restoration company" and acquisition of credit lines, was the joint and sole decisions of Plaintiff and Defendant, with full disclosure and discussion between the parties.
- 6. With regard to the allegations contained in §13, on information and belief, the decision by Plaintiff and Defendant to begin separate operations began in early 2001.

- 7. With regard to the allegations contained in §14, the Parties divided up the customer base so as to permit each to pursue his own activity, without competing with the other, which agreement Plaintiff subsequently violated.
- 8. With regard to the allegations contained in §15 and 16, admits that some indebtedness of the company was not paid at time of separation and some was subsequently paid out of personal assets of Defendant. Defendants is without information to admit or deny allegations by Plaintiff that he was required to pay for obligations of Finish Line Cleaning, Inc. and holds Plaintiff strictly accountable to proof of same.
- 9. With regard to the allegations contained in §18, Plaintiff, was at all times, aware of the delinquent taxes issue, having been involved in a meeting with tax professionals in January of 2002.
- 10. With regard to the allegations contained in §19, per agreement of and knowledge of the Plaintiff, the compensation of Defendant and Donna Jo was structured to include payment in kind as well as established salary.
- 11. As and for Affirmative defenses, Defendant states that Plaintiff's cause of action is barred for failure to state a claim on which relief can be granted.

# THAT AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM, DEFENDANT STATES AND ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

12. That Defendant has and will incur damages in the form of attorney's fees and costs in an amount as yet undetermined to defend this action.

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests the following:

- 1. Dismissing Plaintiff's alleged cause of action;
- 2. Awarding to Defendant attorney's fees, costs and disbursements.
- 3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

G. MARTIN JOHNSON, LTD.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

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Plaintiff

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Stephen William Comiskey

Defendant

#### UNSWORN DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, G. Martin Johnson, declare under penalty of perjury that on July 29, 2004, I mailed copies of the foregoing Answer to Defendant's Complaint, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each entity named below at the address stated below for each entity.

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Executed on: July 29, 2004

/s/ G. Martin Johnson G. Martin Johnson

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July 29, 2004

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Adv. NO. 04-3287 Our File No. 2071-42024

Dear Mr. Crosby:

Enclosed please find and herewith served upon you by U.S. Mail, Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint.

Yours very truly,

/s/ G. Martin Johnson G. Martin Johnson GMJ/lc

Enclosures

cc: Stephen Comiskey

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